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REMARKS This is UNEVALUATED Information

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1. The barracks installation on ul. 11-go Listopada in Lodz (Q 52/0 93) quartered a Polish Infantry unit. Two companies of about 120 men each were seen marching out in 1949. The 1927 and 1928 classes were in active service in the summer of 1950. Carbines and submachine guns predominated in the type weapons seen with the unit. Heavy weapons or motor vehicles were not noted. (1)
 2. From 200 to 250 soldiers wearing service caps with blue ribbons were quartered in the barracks installation on ul. Katowicki in the second city district. The installation consisted of four-story brick buildings, about 50 meters long, some small auxiliary buildings and wooden sheds. Only small arms, especially submachine guns, were seen. (2)
 3. There was an army hospital on the east side of ul. Zeromskiego, at the intersection of this street with ul. Bisk. Landurskiego, just northeast of Pomotowskiego Park. The hospital consisted of a four-story or five-story brick building, about 100 meters long.
 4. The local MO headquarters was located at 58 ul. Piotrkowska, a five-story brick building, south of the intersection of ul. Natutowicza with ul. Piotrkowska. Sentries observed there wore blue-grey uniforms.
 5. The MO headquarters for the district of Lodz was located on the east side of ul. Kosciuszki, between the junctions of ul. Nawrot and ul. Daszynskiego with this street.
 6. A long MO warehouse was located opposite the MO headquarters on the west side of ul. Kosciuszki. Sentries seen there wore blue-grey militia uniforms. There was heavy traffic between the MO headquarters and the warehouse. Trucks were always in front of the installation.
 7. An MO school was located in a five-story brick building, about 50 meters long, on the east side of ul. Zachodnia, just north of ul. Na Ada a Prochnika, southwest of Wolonsci Square. The school was estimated to

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be occupied by 250 to 300 young men, presumably WO officer candidates, who were attending a long training course. In the spring of 1950 the trainees were seen being ~~marched~~ out with a band. They wore blue-grey uniforms with service caps of the same color, and blue-bordered blue-grey epaulets.

8. Another WO school was located in a multi-story brick building, about 30 meters long, on the north side of ul. Polnocna, just east of the athletic field located near the 19 go Stycznia Park. The school quartered an estimated 200 young militia soldiers who were being given basic military training.
9. The Lodz headquarters of the Security Police (UB) was located on the east side of ul. 19 go Stycznia, just south of the 19 go Stycznia Park. The headquarters was generally called Anstacja after the former Polish Secret Police, which had had its seat there. Sentries observed there wore olive-drab uniforms and service caps. Officers wore boots.
10. The UB headquarters for the rural county of Lodz was located on the south side of ul. Wieckowskiego, between ul. Zachodnia and ul. Wolczanska.
11. The recruiting district headquarters was located at 104 ul. Piotrkowska. The municipal administration was also housed in this building. North of it ul. Marsz. J. Stalina intersects ul. Piotrkowska.
12. In the summer of 1950, ul. 11 go Listopada, formerly General Litzmann Street, was renamed ul. Obroincow Stalingrada.
13. The barracks installation on the west side of ul. Sw. Jerezgo quartered an infantry unit and the headquarters of an infantry regiment. A line was attached to the building in the north and south. (3) Riding horses and small horse-drawn vehicles were seen in the barracks yard. Heavy weapons were not noticed. Many officers of various age classes were seen at the installation. The EM belonged to young classes and wore brown uniforms with long trousers and laced shoes and service caps. (1)
14. The five-story barracks installation on ul. 11 go Listopada quartered a Polish infantry unit in at least battalion strength. The soldiers wore service caps with red ribbons. For its training the unit would leave the city area. Heavy weapons or motor vehicles were not noticed. The unit was connected with the infantry regimental headquarters mentioned in paragraph 13 above. (1)
15. There was a barracks installation on the north side of ul. 1 go Maja near the junction of ul. Strzelcow Kaniowskich with this street. Part of the installation was destroyed during the war. The undamaged section was a five-story building, about 500 meters long. Its quartering capacity was estimated to be at least 200 men. The installation quartered an infantry unit. (4) The unit was equipped with rifles and machine guns. No vehicles were seen. Since 1945 the installation had been continually occupied by young soldiers. Small detachments were frequently seen marching to the barracks installation mentioned in paragraph 3 above.
16. The barracks installation located on ul. 6 go Sierpnia, south of the 2 go Maja Square, quartered young soldiers in August 1950. (5)

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- (1) The barracks installation is located on the east side of Kpt. Pagonowskiego Street, in an angle formed by 11 go Listopada and Kpt. Pagonowskiego Streets. According to a previous report, it was occupied by a motorized infantry unit.

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The installation is believed to be occupied by one infantry battalion.

- (2) The service cap with the blue ribbon indicates that the barracks installation is probably occupied by a KBW unit, which presumably belongs to the 8th KBW Regt. According to previous information there were still other barracks installations occupied by KBW units between Narborkowskiego and Dabrowskiego Streets.

- (3) The existence of this barracks installation was reported previously. So far it has not been possible to identify the infantry regiment concerned, which possibly belongs to the 8th Inf Div located in the Lodz-Skierniewice area in mid-1949.

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- (4) The pin-point location of this barracks installation has not been determined. It is probably located in ul. Pagonowskiego, opposite the barracks installation mentioned in Comment (1). It is believed that elements of the infantry regiment reportedly located in Lodz are quartered in the two installations.

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- (5) The existence of this barracks installation was reported previously.

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Its occupation has not been determined.

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